

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed June 6, 2005, the Examiner indicated that the claims were directed to four separate and distinct inventions. Therefore, the Examiner contends that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121.

- I. Claims 1-11 and 26, drawn to a flush poke through fitting, classified in class 174, subclass 48.
- II. Claim 12, drawn to a process for replacing data jack face, classified in class 29, subclass 592.
- III. Claims 13-23, drawn to a receptacle assembly, classified in class 174, subclass 53.
- IV. Claims 24 and 25, drawn to a method of assembling a receptacle assembly, classified in class 29, subclass 592.1.

Applicants elect Invention I (Claims 1-11 and 26) for prosecution with traverse.

Applicants, therefore, have amended the claims to withdraw Claims 12-25 from consideration at this time. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the withdrawn claims in a divisional application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the present restriction requirement and request amendment of the restriction requirement as follows. Applicants request that Inventions I and II be combined. Inventions I and II are related and capable of use together, in that the process for replacing the data jack face plate of Invention II is used to replace a data jack face plate mounted on the flush poke through of Claims 1-11 and 26. In addition, the inventive features of a data jack face plate sized for removal through the opening in the flange of the poke through and which can be installed and uninstalled without removal of the flange are

common to both of the Examiner's enumerated Inventions I and II. Therefore, one prior art search will suffice for both Inventions I and II.

Similarly, Applicants request that Inventions III and IV be combined. Inventions III and IV are related and capable of use together in that the method of assembling the receptacle assembly of Claims 24-25, having a receptacle bottom plate including a plurality of protruding pins, is used to assemble the receptacle assembly of Claims 13-23. In addition, the inventive features of a receptacle including a receptacle bottom plate having a plurality of protruding pins to aide routing of the conductors inside the receptacle are common to the claims of the enumerated Inventions III and IV. Therefore, one prior art search will suffice for all the claims of Inventions III and IV.

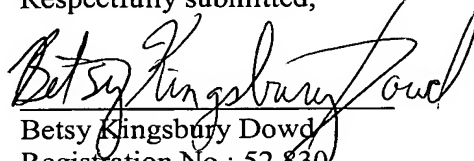
For these reasons, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement and respectfully submit that Inventions I and II should be combined into one invention at least because they are related and capable of use together. In addition, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement as to Inventions III and IV and respectfully submit that Inventions III and IV should be combined into one invention at least because they are related and capable of use together.

In view of the foregoing remarks, reconsideration and amendment of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully solicited. If the restriction requirement is maintained, favorable consideration and allowance of elected Claims 1-11 and 26, pertaining to Invention I, are respectfully solicited.

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If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the above-referenced application, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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